

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the outstanding Official Action mailed August 26, 2004, the shortened statutory period for filing a response being set to expire on November 26, 2004. In view of the within amendment, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

The present application includes claims 22-44, 47 and 50-53. The Examiner has designated claims 22-44 and 47 as being allowed. As to independent claims 50-53, these claims have been rejected over the newly cited prior art. Specifically, claim 50 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Junkel et al.*, United States Patent No. 3,348,799; claims 51 and 53 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by *Leporati*, United States Patent No. 3,409,261; and claim 52 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by *Rohr*, United States Patent No. 4,708,312.

In considering the rejection, Applicant has amended each of the rejected independent claims to include the limitation that the body has a bottom opening arranged between its first and second ends. This feature is not disclosed in the newly cited prior art. In addition, it is pointed out to the Examiner that this limitation, as well as the other limitations set forth in claims 50-53 have been designated by the Examiner as constituting allowable subject matter, see the Examiner's statement of reasons for the allowability of the allowed claims on page 4 of the Official Action. Accordingly, as all claims pending in this application are now in condition for allowance, notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is

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respectfully requested that she telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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